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## W.P. mixed team wins gold at district curling



**W.P. Sandin High School's mixed curling team of Brennan Stochmanski, Alexis Stochmanski, Burk Gosselin and Hannah Remus earned gold when the school hosted district curling at the Shellbrook Curling Club.**

It wasn't quite the turnout that curling coach Marliese Kasner had hoped for, but with five teams competing on the boy's side, and three teams taking part in mixed action, W.P. Sandin High School played host to district curling at the Shellbrook Curling Club last week.

What's more, the one-day competition was a resounding success for W.P. Sandin's mixed curling team, consisting of skip Brennan Stochmanski, lead Hannah Remus, second Burk Gosselin, and third Alexis Stochmanski.

After topping St. Mary's 2, out of Prince Albert, in their first match, the foursome earned a spot in the district finals against St. Mary's 1.

There, they put together another strong performance, effectively lock-

ing their opponents out of the house over the course of the match to earn districts gold.

With the win, they'll now move on to compete in the regional playoffs in Nipawin on March 1 and 2. Should they qualify at that competition, they'll compete at provincials, which are also being held in Nipawin, on March 8 and 9.

On the Boy's side, the foursome of skip Spencer Fox, lead Sam Miller, second Logan Kereluk, and third Zach Bell, didn't fare as well as their mixed counterparts, losing in their first match up against St. Mary's 1 to fall to the B-side of the tournament.

Then, in what Kasner called a "close battle" the foursome came up short in the B final.

Even with only one of the W.P. rinks

advancing, though, Kasner says that hosting districts was still a great opportunity for the school.

"We had a great time hosting the district curling," she said.

"I am excited we had the opportunity to host and show off our wonderful ice conditions and fantastic facility. It was great for the community, and it was nice to see community members come down to the rink to watch."

W.P. Sandin High school wasn't alone in hosting last week's competition, as the Shellbrook Bigway stepped up to the plate and donated snacks for the student athletes.

Kasner says the business' support for the event was greatly appreciated.

"It helps make the event more inviting and comforting for the athletes," she said.



**W.P. Sandin boy's curling team members Sam Miller, Spencer Fox and Zach Bell give their all to sweeping for teammate Logan Kereluk. Unfortunately, the team had a rough outing at districts, losing out in the B event final.**



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# Storyteller brings Anishinabek culture to students



Bear Paws gives a student a big bear hug, during an Aboriginal storytelling session at Shellbrook Elementary school. The session was made possible by the Shellbrook Public Library, with funding provided by the Wapiti Regional Library.

When one reads a story, one expects the story will to a clear ending that either provides the answers, or gives the reader enough information to arrive at the author's desired conclusion.

In Anishinabek storytelling, however, that expectation is thrown out

the window, and every story is so much more than just a story.

"The traditional idea of storytelling for Anishinabek people is open-ended stories, meaning that the listener will get what they get from the story. Everyone learns at a different pace and time

in life," said Chad Solomon, an Anishinabek storyteller from the Henvey Inlet First Nation in Ontario.

"What you learn when you're five years old and you listen to the story [for the first time], might be something different than when you hear the

story again when you're 20. You take different things away," he added.

As one of the storytellers behind the Rabbit and Bear Paws series of graphic novels and comic strips, Solomon has spent the past 10 years travelling from coast to coast across Canada sharing his creations, and thereby sharing a piece of Anishinabek tradition, culture, and humour with his audiences.

Utilizing puppets based on characters in the Rabbit and Bear Paws stories, as well as a more interactive form of storytelling, Solomon brought this sharing of culture to students from Shellbrook Elementary School last Thursday, and, together, they told the story of "Rabbit and Bear Paws and The Way" – a creation tale about how North America (also called Turtle Island by some First Nations) came to be.

Solomon's storytelling sessions were made possible by the Shell-

brook Public Library, with funding from the Wapiti Regional Library, and were just one way to observe Saskatchewan's Aboriginal Storytelling Month.

And, though they had to do a lot of the leg work in telling the story, the students were all enthusiastic about doing so, and eager for the opportunity to participate.

This, too, Solomon says is an important part of storytelling for Anishinabek people.

"Anishinabek stories encompass not just one particular answer, but an open source ending. Everyone builds onto the story when they interpret it in their own way. Not two people will listen to eh same story and get the same message," he said.

"Every child takes away something different, because every child connects to the story differently."

In an age of truth and reconciliation between Canada and its First Na-

tions, Métis and Inuit peoples, Solomon feels it's as important as ever that these stories, and the cultural lessons they convey, are shared with as wide an audience as possible.

By sharing the stories that he first learned from his nimishoomis (grandfather) and nookomis (grandmother), Solomon says his hope is to build a healthier and stronger community and country.

"By having people who understand who they are and where they come from, we'll build a stronger community and country," he said.

"This way we can move forward with a healthier lifestyle, not helping just our own country and community, but the world as well."

Those interested in more information about Solomon, the many adventures of Rabbit and Bear Paws, or Anishinabek stories and culture, can find more by visiting [www.rabbitandbearpaws.com](http://www.rabbitandbearpaws.com)

## Saskatchewan Health Authority volunteer opportunities

The Volunteer Service Department is in need of caring, compassionate and committed volunteers to fill the following service positions:

Entertainment – Whispering Pine Place – Canwood (306) 468-2900

Volunteer performers (Musicians, magicians, actors, etc.) share their talents with residents in long-term

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Parent-Tot Program – Parkland Integrated Health Centre, Shellbrook (306) 747-6841

Mothers and/or fathers along with their young children may visit residents on a one-to-one basis or in small groups. Parents are responsible for their children at all times.

Activity Programs – Big River Health (306) 469-2220

Volunteers will assist the staff with activities and set up for such. Duties include assisting with crafts, shopping trips, birthday parties, special functions, music

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Shifts: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., or 12:45 p.m. – 4 p.m. Monday - Friday

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Tickets \$10 each or 3/\$20  
\*\*every rider must purchase a \$10 ticket\*\*

24 hr permit will be available at local SGI's for \$20

1st Prize: 30% of ticket sales  
2nd Prize: 20% of ticket sales  
3rd Prize: 10% of ticket sales  
plus rider-only door prizes  
Many Prizes/Draws

Call Keith at 306-747-3765 or 306-747-2101  
or Ralph at 306-747-3611

**KAISER TOURNAMENT ~ Sunday, Feb. 24**

Cameo Hall, Register 12 noon - 1 p.m.

\$5.00/person



### MARTINS LAKE REGIONAL PARK HELP WANTED/REQUEST FOR TENDERS

Martins Lake Regional Park is accepting resumes/tenders for the 2019 camping season for the following positions:

- GOLF CLUBHOUSE RESTAURANT:** Leased operator for the fully equipped kitchen and restaurant facility May thru Sept., c/w living quarters. Must be certified food handlers.
- BEACH CONCESSION:** Leased operator June to Sept. Must be certified food handlers.
- PARK MAINTENANCE:** 3 positions open - Full time hours May - September. General park maintenance for campground and golf course including grass cutting, tree trimming, equipment maintenance, janitorial upkeep of washrooms/shower room, painting, beach maintenance, maintaining water system, testing water and other duties
- PARK ENTRY PERSONNEL:** Must be 16 or older with valid driver's license. Duties include greeting visitors, collecting fees, assigning campsites with computerized reservation system, etc.

For more info call Christie at 306-221-4457. Mail resumes or tenders to Martins Lake Regional Park, Box 488, Blaine Lake, SK, S0J 0J0 or email to [martinslake@sasktel.net](mailto:martinslake@sasktel.net).

### Correction

In the Feb. 7 edition of the Shellbrook Chronicle a story regarding the sale of the Shellbrook Liquor Store building identified Mitch Pastuck as the owner of the company that purchased it, based on information received from the SLGA. Mr. Pastuck has since said he doesn't own the company. The Chronicle apologizes for the error.



**Canwood Regional Park  
Supper and Auction**  
Canwood Elks Community Center  
**Sat., March 16, 2019**

Happy Hour 5:00 p.m.

Supper at 6:00 p.m. Auction to follow

Adults \$15.00 - 6 - 12 yrs. \$8.00 - 5 & under Free

For information call

Bob 306-468-7942 or Terry 306-468-4425

Proceeds to Canwood Regional Park & community improvements



# Ledding team tops Shellbrook's Open Bonspiel



**A-event winners from left: Brad Ledding, Jeff Ledding, Sean Helm, and substitute Grant Martin. Missing: Carson Ledding.**



**B-event final winners from left: Gord Thompson, Elliot Gale, Darrell Stead, and Lorne Thompson.**

At this point, you could almost call it the Ledding Bonspiel.

That's because a Ledding foursome has made it to the A-event final of the Shellbrook Curling Club's annual Open Bonspiel (known, once upon a time, as the Farmer's bonspiel) every year since at least 2016.

And, more often than not over these past four years, the Ledding rinks have emerged victorious, regardless of their team composition (2018 stands as the lone exception, as Spiritwood's Wayne Pauls avenged a loss that his team suffered in 2017).

Victory was in the cards for the Leddings again at this year's Open Bonspiel, as skip Brad Ledding, teammates Jeff Ledding, Sean Helm and Carson Ledding, and substitute Grant Martin, took on all com-

ers in the two-day, 14 team bonspiel en route to another year's worth of bragging rights.

To their credit, the young upstarts of Team Wasden, skipped by Dalton Wasden and including Spencer Fox, Burk Gosselin and Brennan Stochmanski, didn't make it easy on the Open Bonspiel veterans. In what turned out to be a thrilling conclusion to the Open Bonspiel, this year's A event final literally came down to the final rock.

With his rink down by one going into that final rock, skip Brad Ledding had one yellow stone to remove from the house so that his team could score two points and claim victory. His aim proved true, and his stone didn't drift after impact, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Elsewhere, the B-event final wasn't such

a close affair, as Team Thompson easily topped the Affinity Credit Union team.

The C-event, meanwhile, came down to a coin toss between the Ron Cripps rink and Team Lane (because neither of the teams felt much like playing another match at 8 p.m. on a Saturday evening).

Team Lane got lucky on the toss, earning the right to claim the C-side title.

"It was another success, and great event for our club," said Shellbrook Curling Club member Gayle Draper.

As much a part of the Open Bonspiel as the curling itself, the event features no shortage of attractions off of the sheets. On Friday evening, two draws were held in conjunction with the Lucky 7 draw, helping to bring in a solid

crowd for the Open Bonspiel's opening night.

Then, on Saturday, the Curling Club served up a delicious beef on a bun lunch. And once the curling was over, prizes were handed out.

Additionally, when the curlers weren't too busy competing, they were invited to lounge in the lounge and enjoy the camaraderie that goes hand-in-hand with the Open Bonspiel, or peruse the selection of silent auction items.

Once again, Draper credits local and area sponsors and businesses for much of this.

"We again had some outstanding support from our local businesses, who sponsored this spiel in various ways, from cash donations, silent auction items, and team event prizes to the delicious beef on a bun meal and sides that were

served to all curlers on Saturday for lunch," she said, noting that this all helps to make curlers want to come back next year.

"We always seem to get a good response from curlers at this spiel who commented throughout the weekend that it was a lot of fun, which is what we strive for each year, in hopes that they return again next year."

With another exciting Open Bonspiel in the books, it's already time to move on to the Shellbrook Curling Club's next event.

That will be the one-day Stick Spiel on Saturday March 2. In this event, all participants will curl using push sticks, which will be provided by the club.

Draper says the event promises to be yet another fun one.

## Administrator, Village of Leask

The Village of Leask is currently accepting applications for the position of Administrator. The ideal candidate will possess an Urban Standard Certificate or a willingness to learn and obtain a Standard Certificate from the Urban Board of Examiners is necessary

- Experience in Microsoft Office and general computer applications is essential with knowledge of Munisoft municipal software considered an asset.
- Must possess strong leadership and communication skills

### Compensation/Benefits:

- Salary will be based on UMAAS salary schedule &/or qualifications and experience
- The Village offers a full benefit package through SUMA and an excellent pension package through MEPP

Applicants should submit a cover letter and detailed resume including references (3) and salary expectations by email to: [village.leask@sasktel.net](mailto:village.leask@sasktel.net) Box 40, Leask, Sask. S0J 1M0 prior to 5pm on February 20, 2019.

## NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL VILLAGE OF MARCELIN

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Village of Marcelin for the year of 2019 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following days: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, along with a fee of \$200.00, refundable upon success of appeal, with: The Assessor, Village of Marcelin, Box 39, Marcelin, SK, S0J 1R0, by the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

Leanne McCormick  
Assessor

## NOTICE

### Woodland Bus Association

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To apply for this position and to view the full list of required qualifications, please refer to the federal government employment website: [www.canada.ca/government-jobs](http://www.canada.ca/government-jobs). The deadline for applications is February 10th, 2019.

*We thank all candidates who apply and advise that only those selected for further consideration in the process will be contacted. Preference will be given to Canadian citizens. We are committed to Employment Equity. The Public Service of Canada is committed to developing inclusive, barrier-free selection processes and work environments. If contacted regarding this competition, please advise of the accommodation measures which must be taken to enable you to be assessed in a fair and equitable manner.*

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## “Computer crashes”

Years ago, a friend was typing out his master’s thesis on what was, for its time, a state-of-the-art Commodore computer. He was so engrossed in his project that he was completely oblivious to the fact that the computer’s memory was filling up, and available space was counting down, character by character. Eventually, it locked up on him completely, and he was unable to press a single key. He had filled the computer’s memory completely, and he couldn’t even backspace a character or two so he could perform a “save” operation.

Worse, he hadn’t saved any of it along the way. His entire paper sat there on the screen, and he could do nothing about it. Finally, he bit the bullet, so to speak, and shut the computer off, losing his entire paper.

The lesson, of course, was that he should have been saving his work as he went along. I used to tell my students that every time they stopped to think – and I used to have students who occasionally would do that; think, I mean – they should do a quick Control-S and save their work.



DAVE  
HYNDMAN  
~  
Columnist

Years later, I had a student who was keying in a long program in Apple Basic, which was one of the most kid-friendly computer languages of the time.

She spent an entire period on the project, hating every second of it and wondering why she had to take computers because she hated it so much.

Shortly before the end of the period, she moved the table that her computer was sitting on, and in a flash of light, the computer shut down and she lost every bit of the work she had been doing all period. She hadn’t been saving.

It was a mystery. But we discovered that the power cord had shorted out, due to being cut over a period of time by being pressed up against the metal chalk rail, until the rubber had been sliced right through, and it was only a matter of time before the exposed wire was going to come into contact with something metallic, like a chalk rail.

More recently, a friend’s computer had crashed, and she had neglected to back up her work, with the end result being everything is gone. She was given an estimate on recovery of her files, but felt the \$2,000 was a considerable distance above her ability to absorb, given that she’s still a struggling university student.

Why is this an issue this week, you ask? Well, as I write this column on my wife’s laptop, I peer over my shoulder occasionally to check on the progress of my computer’s recovery.

You see, it crashed, but it has given me the option of backing up some files before it goes through the recovery process. I have been backing up my computer, but the last one was some time ago, and I’m trying this approach in order to recover some of the stuff I’ve saved since the last backup.

So, if you have learned anything at all this week, it should be this: buy a little hard drive with lots of space, and back up your work periodically. Like, frequently.

And as you’re working, save often. I once wrote a column during a thunderstorm, but after losing everything when the power went off, I discovered when power was restored that all I had lost was a comma.

Now, having reached this point of this week’s column, I can tell that some of you in the back have drifted off and you’re about to forget about this important message.

All I can say is “you’ll be sorry.”



## Passed SUMA motion dims light on democracy

In the midst of the New England Patriots winning their sixth Super Bowl title with the duo of head coach Bill Belichick and quarterback Tom Brady at the helm, Super Bowl LIII (53 for those not familiar with Roman numerals) called a timeout on the typically over-the-top spectacle that goes hand-in-hand with its proceedings, and took an unexpected turn for the gravely serious.

The change in tone came courtesy of The Washington Post, which leveraged the Super Bowl’s massive reach to remind viewers of the vital role that journalists, and newspapers, play in keeping the public informed, and protecting the foundations of democracy from those who might sometimes prefer that their truth not be brought to light.

“Democracy dies in darkness” was the phrase scrawled in white across a stark black background as the commercial ended. And whether you love or hate the Washington Post, it’s not wrong about that.

We live in an age in which powerful forces, on either side of the political aisle, are working to erode the public’s trust in media outlets by decrying any coverage that they disagree with as “fake news”.

What’s worse, a quick visit to the comment section of any article that is even slightly political reveals that the efforts of these saboteurs are working.

If a news story is critical of United States President Donald Trump’s daily gaffes, the story is bombarded with accusations that it’s “fake news”, or that it’s propagating some nefarious “Liberal mainstream media” agenda.

It’s been this way since Mr. Trump first took office. And, though the Washington Post’s Super Bowl spot was primarily targeted at an American audience, we’re certainly feeling the “fake news” effect here in Canada.

Indeed, no matter what side of the political spectrum their editorial staff tends to lean towards, newspapers just can’t seem to rise above the political din.

In an age in which misinformation is just a click away, and seemingly available in greater supply than actual facts based on verifiable evidence, this benefits no one – aside from those deliberately spreading the falsehoods, of course – and only serves to chip away at the foundations of democracy.

That’s why it was profoundly disappointing to see Saskatchewan’s municipalities cast votes that could further erode these foundations, and weaken a newspaper indus-



JORDAN  
TWISS  
~  
News Editor

try that is already fighting against the swelling tide of digitization and the forces vying to sully its reputation.

At last week’s Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association Convention in Saskatoon, SUMA members passed a resolution that would remove the legal requirement for municipalities to place public notices – such as a recent contentious public notice from the town of Shellbrook about the rezoning of a certain piece of land to industrial – in community newspapers.

Put forward by the town of Pilot Butte, the “Modernizing Public Notice Requirements” resolution is premised on the rationale that not all Saskatchewan municipalities are served by community newspapers (though, ironically, Pi-

lot Butte is served by at least one), and that digital forms of communication, like emails, municipal websites, and social media, are becoming the norm.

Now that it’s passed, SUMA will take the resolution to the Saskatchewan government, and lobby to have the current Planning and Development Act regulations changed.

It remains to be seen how the province will respond to these efforts. But if the government proves amenable to SUMA’s lobbying, it will be the general public (and community newspapers) that suffer for it.

The town of Pilot Butte, and the leaders of the municipalities who supported its resolution, will undoubtedly try to tell their ratepayers that it’s all about saving important taxpayer dollars, and ensuring that the general public is made aware of municipal goings-on.

However, it should be noted that there’s no law prohibiting municipalities from disseminating their public notices via website, email or social media. So municipalities could already be using these methods, and arguably should be using them, in addition to leveraging the strength of their community newspapers.

What’s more, shouldn’t a municipal government that genuinely wants an informed ratepayer base be actively striving to leverage every advertising vehicle, within reason, that is available to it?

In taking an online only approach to advertise their business, and taking away important advertising revenue from their community newspapers, municipalities will be missing a wide cross-section of their ratepayer base.

And keeping ratepayers in the dark is not the way to build a strong democracy.

## Moe manages to keep municipalities happy

Think back about a dozen years ago when we were in the middle of a pre-election fight over education property tax on farmland.

Then premier Lorne Calvert vowed to remove it, although his NDP government never quite got around to doing it. Instead, his NDP government's focus in its 2007 budget was free prescription drugs for seniors. The NDP were clobbered in rural seats and lost power to Brad Wall and the Saskatchewan Party.

It was an important lesson on why governments need to pay attention to municipal funding issues – even issues in areas where you aren't likely to win many seats.

Both municipal politicians and property taxpayers are all too

aware of the provincial government's role in providing adequate funding to keep down local taxes.

This takes us to one of the bigger problems Scott Moe has faced since becoming premier a year ago.

Upon taking over from Wall, Moe has had to contend with a reduction in the municipal revenue sharing pool from \$271 million in 2016 to \$241 million in 2017. Moreover, after that \$30-million cut in the austerity 2017-18 budget, the revenue sharing pool was frozen at \$241 million last year so that Moe's government would have a better shot at balancing the budget this year.

On top of having to contend with cut and freeze, there was now uncertainty for municipal



MURRAY  
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politicians. The revenue sharing formula had been based on a simple, clean and predictable formula most quite liked.

Under Wall's administration, it was decided to give one percentage point of the then-five-per-cent provincial sales tax to fund the municipal revenue sharing pool.

Simple. Easy. Predictable. It was a formula that towns,

cities, villages and rural municipalities could easily use to determine what amount of money they could expect in future years. That made budgeting decisions for municipalities – who, unlike the province, cannot run deficits – significantly easier.

But then along came that spring 2017 budget that not only raised the PST to six per cent but broadened it significantly to things like junk food, restaurant meals and insurance.

It was more money for the province that it clearly needed to fight its deficit. But it also threw its revenue-sharing formula out of whack.

Annual provincial sales tax revenue vaulted to close to \$2 billion – more than \$300 million per single percentage point of the now, broader six-per-

cent PST.

Ideally, Moe could have re-instated the old one-percentage-point-of-the-PST as the new revenue sharing pool formula and handed over \$300-million-plus to the municipalities. Municipalities surely would have been overjoyed over that.

But it wouldn't have been as helpful to the provincial government's own deficit fight. The Sask. Party government clearly needs every penny it can get to balance the budget.

So what Moe did instead at last week's annual Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) is unveil new formula to fund the revenue sharing pool. It is now three-quarters of percentage point of a much broader six-per-cent PST.

In practical terms, that will mean \$251 million

for the municipal revenue sharing pool in the 2019-20 budget. That's a modest \$10 million or four-per-cent more than last year – still less than the \$271 million in 2016 and far cry from the \$300-million plus it would have been if was a full percentage point.

The NDP and leader Ryan Meili have cried foul, hinting an NDP government could provide a full percentage point.

And mayors of the big cities – where Moe and the Sask. Party are in for tougher political fights – seem happy with the modest increase and even happier to see a return to stable source of funding.

And Moe seems to have dealt with a big potential big headache.

Keeping municipal politicians reasonably happy is key.

## YOUR TWO CENTS

### The Pro-vaccine argument is definitely profitable

Dear editor,

The anti-vaccine people use the same tired arguments they accuse these people of using and apparently they don't realize it. No vaccines, people died; once the vaccines appeared, deaths plummeted. One shouldn't need more proof than this. Six deaths - three unvaccinated (no mention of vaccinated) - proof of what?

Justifying 100 per cent vaccination? Wow, how profitable is that?

One probably should not fixate on negativity, however, both scientists and the public should be skeptical of salesmen trumpeting their own product, or anyone making money off it.

At this time, there is no proof of any type that vaccines work!!! As we get more knowledgeable

doing any proving of medical miracles is difficult.

Lawyers have made a lot of money successfully suing drug companies. These companies have been accused of fake lab work more than once. Research these before going out on a limb. More than one country has banned vaccines because of deaths and injuries.

The FDA admitted that they have been lax about reporting incidents of any type, before congress. Most doctors don't know they are supposed to report them, and those who do aren't going to risk their careers as well as take the time to report and cross-examine to defend it. In spite of all the obstacles and secrecy, the fund established for vaccine injuries/death has paid out millions.

Screens on windows and moving slaves away from

water prevented malaria, not better healthcare. When people in New York City 3rd story tenements stopped throwing their two types of waste products on the front lawn when indoor plumbing came, that took a big step towards everyone's health. Better employment opportunities, and a better educated public, increased health. As did safer water.

The drug industry and those who inject substances in people can't be sued in North America now. Does this mean they are safe?

This brief letter is a defence of communication, nothing else. We must start talking to, not at each other – everyone has something to offer, even if only to turn a light on in somebody else.

Hoping to be of use,  
N. Levandoski, Chitek Lake, Sask.

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# Bantam Elks advance past Tisdale in provincials

For fans of high-flying, high-scoring hockey, Sunday evening's game two showdown between the Bantam B Shellbrook Elks and the Tisdale Ramblers wasn't anything like the 13-goal performance the Pee wee Elks put on in the Shellbrook Recreation Complex the evening prior.

After topping the Ramblers 8-2 in game one of the two-goal total points series, the Bantam Elks didn't need to do much to win, and Tisdale didn't stand much chance of winning.

And that reality was certainly reflected in the sloppy and tentative first 20 minutes of game two of the series.

The opening frame of Sunday's series closer was a back-and-forth affair, with neither team generating much in the way of scoring opportunities.

The Bantam Elks certainly did themselves no favours on that front, taking more than their fair share of penalties (some more deserved than others), and squandering a late 5-on-3 power play opportunity.

After a first period with little in the way of highlights, the Elks slowly began to string together some offence, ending their goalless stretch with a marker by captain Jase Martin. Tyson Gauthier earned the lone on assist on the play.

Later in the period, Shellbrook would go up by two. This time Martin would provide the assist to Gauthier in the form of a beautiful stretch pass that Gauthier blasted right through the Tisdale netminder.

After outpacing Tisdale in terms of both goals and penalties over the course of 40 minutes,

it was the Elks' turn to make something happen on the power play.

This time, it was Chase Hansen who scored for the home team, blasting a shot that was redirected past the Tisdale goalie.

Martin earned his second assist of the evening on the play, with Adam Schatkoske also grabbing an assist.

In what was a more competitive period of hockey, however, Tisdale would also manage to get on the board after coming within mere inches of scoring on multiple occasions.

Hunter Bleile scored the shutout breaker for the Ramblers, and was unassisted on the play.

With victories in both games, the Elks managed to secure the series win with a total score of 11-3.

Round two will see

the team take on the La Ronge Ice Wolves, who just overcame a stiff

challenge from Meadow Lake.

As of Tuesday, dates for

the games in the round two series had yet to be set.

## *The Shellbrook Museum's mystery artifact of the month*



Can you name this mystery artifact that's on loan to the Shellbrook Museum from Barb and Ian Clark of Flowers and More?

February's mystery object has a frame that's metal, but the strange shapes on the bottom seem to be wooden. The object also has a handle on its top-side.

Whatever this piece of history is, it's likely that it made a real impression.

The artifact is currently available for viewing at the Shellbrook Library, where you can put your guess into a draw for a book from the Library's deposits. In the absence of a correct answer, a winner from the most creative

answers will be selected instead.

As for January's mystery item, Michelle Taylor and Eli Shantz were able to identify it as the roller for a butter worker, which was used to press the remaining water out of churned butter.

The tabletop the roller attaches to is slightly tilted so that it drains well and the roller goes from side to side.

While the correct answers were great, Marj Bradley's creative guess that it was an oversized lefse roller was pretty funny, too. According to Bradley, the roller required seven people around the table to operate. However, the rollers went out of style with the rise in popularity of low-carb diets.



Chase Hansen sends Tisdale's Brolan Mennie flying after racing back to thwart a scoring attempt. It was a solid defensive play, but unfortunately the refs didn't see it that way and they gave Hansen a hooking penalty.



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## World economics a difficult balancing act

Trying to fully understand the intricacies of the economics of world trade is not surprisingly like figuring out how to unravel the Gordian Knot.

So much of trade is influenced by other economic sectors which, when looked at in isolation, are good for a particular area of trade, but when you zoom out to look at the overall impact, it might not be as positive across a broader range of trade.

Of course there are university degree courses dedicated to understanding world

economics, but for the layman, of which I am most admittedly one, the connections within the economy are fascinating.

For most of us, we look at the world economy in terms of how it directly impacts us on a personal level.

For example, at a recent luncheon, a former staff associate was talking about their decision not to head south to spend a portion of the winter months in the warmer climate of the southern United States. The reason was simply one of personal economics. They had looked at the state of



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the Canadian dollar versus its American counterpart, didn't like that the Canuck buck was, at least in the early winter, rather low against the US dollar and so they decided to turn up the thermostat at home and stay here. The same conversation

did get around to my friend fondly recalling the days of the Canadian dollar being higher than the American one, and how that made a trip south highly advantageous.

That same scenario is generally reversed if you are an agricultural producer. While a weaker Canadian dollar creates some challenges in terms of buying some things, the lower dollar is hugely advantageous when it comes to export sales. When you operate in a country which far over produces the domestic market for most farm products, exports sales

are crucial and a lower dollar opens doors to sales.

While no one would want the Canadian dollar to completely tank compared to the US currency, par value is certainly less conducive to export sales.

But the dollar tends to trend higher as oil prices rise given that this country sits on a significant reserve of oil. In fact just last week the Canadian dollar was up at market close Friday, following the price of oil.

Reports showed oil was up on Friday as West Texas

Intermediate crude oil gained US\$1.54 to close at US\$55.33 per barrel.

While the changes are modest, if it were to become a trend, Alberta and Saskatchewan could benefit significantly on the oil side. We don't seem to be on any path that will get us to \$100/barrel oil, but even a jump of \$10 would be big for the sector.

Of course if it drags the dollar higher, it could impact export sales in some other sectors, and send more Canadians south on holidays next winter, which have economic impacts that are less desirable.

## APAS welcomes third expansion of Livestock Tax Deferral eligibility, calls for program improvements

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan is pleased with the expanded coverage for the Federal Livestock Tax Deferral announced on January 30 but is calling for a review to improve the program for future years.

"Livestock producers across Saskatchewan faced serious impacts

from drought in 2018," said Todd Lewis, APAS President. "It was very clear to everyone in the industry by late August that feed and water shortages were going to have an impact on the entire province."

"It has been a very complex process to get those impacts recognized in the area design-

nations," Lewis continued. "We need a review of the technology and area boundaries used to determine the eligibility for the program. A final designation at the end of January, after the end of the tax year, does not allow producers to make informed business decisions."

APAS had raised concerns about the list of

areas designated on September 14, 2018, and then again on November 1, and called for the entire province to be eligible. As of January 30th 2019, 75% of

Saskatchewan RMs have been designated as eligible.

Lewis concluded by noting that concerns have been raised by livestock producers

across Canada, and APAS will be working with their colleagues at the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to advocate for changes to the program.



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# Peewee Elks trounce Rosetown in provincials



**A loose puck in front of the Rosetown goal leads to pure pandaeonium, but no goal for the Peewee Elks on the play.**

The Shellbrook Peewee B Elks didn't really need to win game two of their provincials opening series against the Rosetown Redwings.

In truth, after winning game one of the two-game total point series 12-0, they probably didn't even really need to show up.

But game two was on home ice, and, with an en-

ergetic hometown crowd lending its support, the Peewee Elks not only showed up, they delivered another resounding trouncing to Rosetown, this time to the tune of 13-1.

Not content to rest on their laurels, the Elks came out like they were the team trailing by 12 goals Saturday evening, and started the scoring off early.

Brendan Aug netted the first of many Shellbrook goals on the evening, with Jake Boettcher providing the assist on the play.

A few moments later, a perfect set up, leading to a slap shot from the point by Gabriel Genereaux, put the Elks up by two. Boettcher earned his second assist of the evening on the goal.

Continuing the flurry of

Elks goals, Talon Sandry was able to corral a feed from a teammate and score on a nifty off-balanced backhand.

Cohen Tait provided the assist on the play.

Though the Elks would dominate the opening 20 minutes, and the 40 minutes that followed, one struggle they did have was in the penalty department.

Fortunately, the team was backstopped by some rock solid goaltending on the part of Casen Keyowski, who all but stood on his head to keep the Redwings off the board during one first period penalty kill.

That said, the Elks were also able to make the most of their penalty kills, when Kamden Shewchuk took a pass from Genereaux and blasted it home to put Shellbrook up 4-0.

Coming out re-energized for the second period, the Elks continued their domination of Rosetown, with Jesse Nyberg tallying within the first minute. Tait earned his second assist on the play,

which would begin a string of seven Shellbrook goals throughout the period.

Aug would strike next, scoring unassisted on a shorthanded marker, then Brody Anderson would continue the Rosetown beat-down, scoring on an assist from Brandon Dingwall.

Anderson would tally once more right off the ensuing faceoff, connecting with Dingwall and Leland Peterson on the play.

The next Elks goal would come from Layne Ferster, earning Tait his third assist of the game, then Anderson would go on to earn a hat trick, with some help from Nyberg on the play.

Once again, The Elks would score off the ensuing faceoff, after skating right through the heart of the dejected Rosetown defence and blasting one home.

But then, through some miracle, Rosetown would end a nearly 100-minute goalless drought, and dash Shellbrook's hopes of earning a series shutout. The shutout breaker came cour-

tesy of Rosetown's Wilks Aman, who was assisted on the play by Matthew Healey and Dustin Moore.

In a more subdued third period, the Elks eased off the gas pedal, managing only two goals over the course of 20 minutes. The first one came early in the period, and earned Aug his hat trick, and Dingwall another assist.

The second was after a long goalless drought (by Shellbrook's standards), and on a rare Shellbrook power play. Ferster scored the goal – his second of the night – with Ashton Tanchuk providing an assist.

With the 25-1 series victory, the Elks are now headed to round two of provincials, where they will likely face off against the Delisle Bruins, who are up 16-3 over the La Ronge Ice Wolves in their two game total point series.

As of Monday, dates for the games hadn't been set, as the Delisle-La Ronge series wasn't set to wrap up until Saturday, Feb. 16.

## *NDP calls for scrutiny of Sask. Party's relationship with SNC-Lavalin*

With SNC-Lavalin embroiled in numerous scandals, the NDP is calling into question the long-standing relationship that the Sask. Party has had with the troubled company and renewing its call for campaign finance reform in the province.

"When we look at the history between the Sask. Party and

SNC-Lavalin over the past decade, with nearly \$10,000 in publicly disclosed donations going one way and three quarters of a billion dollars (\$765,846,640) in contracts going the other, it's enough to give the people of the province pause, especially when our political donations and conflict of interest rules are so lax," said NDP Leader Ryan Meili. "We are calling for a moratorium on any further deals with SNC-Lavalin until a full review has taken place."

"SNC-Lavalin gave money to the Sask. Party several years in a row, but we don't know what lobbying went on during this period because the registry doesn't go back beyond 2016, and because the government has shown no

interest in fixing a loophole that allows some businesses to lobby politicians without leaving a record," Meili continued. "Has there been any influence beyond the donations that were publicly disclosed? And will the Sask. Party finally commit to bringing the province's conflict of interest laws into the twenty-first century?"

On Jan. 16 of this year, SNC-Lavalin announced they had been selected by the hospital's contracted property developer, Graham Capital Partners, to be the facility manager for the publicly funded North Battleford P3 Hospital.

The contract was awarded to the Montreal-based company despite the province being burnt previously in a mul-

timillion-dollar dispute with the company over the BD3 Carbon Capture project that is currently in arbitration. Under then-Minister Bill Boyd, SaskPower had contracted SNC Lavalin to engineer, procure, and build the carbon capture facility, which was plagued with serious design issues.

Meili said it's curious that SNC Lavalin has continued to receive Saskatchewan contracts after all the issues with their management of the CCS contract.

"The Sask. Party like to pretend they're players, but they keep getting played," Meili said.

"Meanwhile, Saskatchewan people are the ones losing in these shady deals. We need to see the full picture, and that work needs to start now."

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# Silvertips sweep Glaslyn in first round of playoffs



Shellbrook's Daryl Blais makes the most of a Glaslyn turnover and a couple good passes, beating the Glaslyn netminder high on the glove side.

Having limped their way into the Saskatchewan Prairie Hockey League's postseason with a 2-3 record over the course of their last five regular season matches, the Shellbrook Silvertips needed to get off to a strong start in their first round series against the Glaslyn North Stars.

Despite boasting a middling 8-8 record, the North Stars caught the Silvertips off guard in their second meeting of the SPHL regular season, delivering a 5-2 defeat to the team on home ice.

Fortunately for the Tips, though, they were able to avoid any unpleasant surprises by sweeping the North Stars right out of the playoffs.

With home-ice advantage for game one on Friday evening, the Silvertips looked strong to start the playoffs.

The team was able to score a decisive 6-3 victory over Glaslyn, even as things got a little rough and tumble towards the end of the game.

Though not typically a leading scorer for the Tips, Justin Kerr was instrumental in the Tips' game one win, scoring two goals on the evening.

Helping the Tips' offensive effort were Shane Pickett and Braydin Turner, who provided a goal and an assist each, and Devin Dicus and Dorin Canaday, who both had single

goals.

In the assists column, Brendon Beaulac had a pair in his return from an injury, and Daryl Blais also earned two. Meanwhile, Jody Blais, Lyndon Johnson, Matthew Kutnikoff, Nathaniel Martin and Nick Martin all had one helper on the night.

Dustin McNabb was the leading scorer for Glaslyn, notching a goal and an assist through 60 minutes, while Garth Matrenko scored one goal. Through a clerical error (a goal marked as an assist) the scorer of the other North Stars goal is unknown.

In a much tighter game two in Glaslyn, the Tips' victory came down to netminder John Nelson putting in a slightly stronger performance than his Glaslyn counterpart Cameron Simkins.

Thanks to that, and a two-goal performance by captain Nick Martin, Shellbrook was able to skate away with a razor-thin 4-3 victory.

Also aiding Shellbrook in its game two win were Parker Turner, who had a goal and an assist on the evening, and Easton Neufeldt, who provided a goal. Shane Pickett, meanwhile, earned a single assist.

On the Glaslyn scorecard, Garth Matrenko led the way in the losing effort, with a goal and an assist. Calvin Koczka and Austin Sloan provided the two remaining goals, while Reid Colley, Dustin McNabb,

Trent McNabb, and Bailey Morin all had single assists.

Returning to Shellbrook Monday evening with a chance to eliminate Glaslyn, the Silvertips came out playing like they were the team with everything to lose.

This allowed them to get a lot of offensive zone time early in the opening frame, which culminated in an early goal from Easton Neufeldt.

Neufeldt took a feed on the Glaslyn doorstep and tapped it home. Cody Belair and Shane Pickett drew assists on the play.

From there, the remainder of the first 20

minutes would be all Silvertips, as Devin Dicus would follow up Neufeldt's effort by slapping home a sniper shot of a one-timer from the slot. Josh Elliot and Brendon Beaulac earned the assists on that play.

With the game quickly getting more physical as Glaslyn became more desperate, the Tips would tack on one more before the end of the first frame.

This one came off a neutral zone turnover, and saw Daryl Blais beat the Glaslyn netminder high glove side from close range.

In a quiet, but far more physical second period,

which saw no shortage of fisticuffs, the Tips would add their fourth goal of the evening after trapping Glaslyn in their own end.

Brendon Canaday scored that goal, getting assists from Belair and Braydin Turner on the play.

With tempers boiling over in the third and final frame, Glaslyn would eventually salvage some last minute pride, and beat stalwart Tips netminder John Nelson on a late offensive rush.

The Tips would respond in kind, however, with Blais burying a textbook setup from

right in front of the Glaslyn goal.

Canaday and Parker Turner earned assists on the goal, which cemented the 5-1 Tips victory, and allowed the team to punch its ticket to the next round of the SPHL playoffs.

Barring a major upset, round two of the playoffs will see the Tips face off against the Battleford Beaver Blues, who are currently up 2-0 in their best of five series with the Radisson Wheatkings.

That series was likely to wrap up Thursday Feb. 14, after which dates for the next series will be set.



Shellbrook's Devin Dicus loses the fight for a loose puck in front of the Glaslyn goal. He would go on to score later in the game.

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**Submitted by  
Trina Chamberlain**  
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ning opportunities and people are also encouraged to try something they have never done before such as artistic ventures.

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Many stated they specifically like the variety of entertainers, worship services, art classes, and country drives and other bus trips.

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ty, mental health, adult day centers, rehabilitation centers, and special needs to name a few.

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## Mark your Calendars

Family and community are encouraged to join in many of the 2:30 musical events, such as: The Valentine's Social Feb. 14, featuring The Golden Girls and hosted by The Health Care Auxiliary; The Happy Wanderers on Feb., 21; and Gerald Lanes & Friends on March 1.

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## Trotz working magic for Islanders

Take Connor McDavid off the roster of the Edmonton Oilers and things could get uglier in Edmonton. Remove Nikita Kucherov from Tampa Bay and the Lightning might fall back into the pack in the National Hockey League. Make Sidney Crosby an ex-Penguin and Pittsburgh might not even make the playoffs.

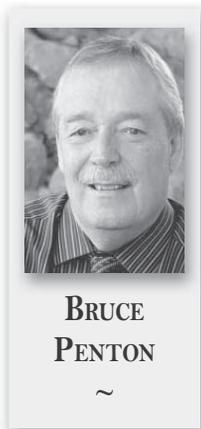
So it's somewhat astonishing that the New York Islanders, a team that didn't even make the playoffs last year, are in first place in the Metropolitan Division after losing their (by far) best player, John Tavares, to free agency last summer. On Groundhog Day they stood second overall in the Eastern Conference after finishing 11th last season.

So let's cut to the chase: Islanders' bench boss Barry Trotz is this year's Coach of the Year. He also may be a miracle worker.

Trotz, a Dauphin, Man., native, is the rare coach who wins a Stan-

ley Cup, as he did with Washington last season, and is not signed to a new contract. Trotz was making only \$1.5 million with the Capitals and management there showed little interest in making him wealthier, Cup or no Cup. So he quit. Within four days he had signed with the Islanders for a reported \$4 million per season. So far, it appears to be money well spent. The Islanders' performance this year stands as testimony to his skills as a coach.

Instead of the Islanders looking to Tavares to carry the team, Trotz has a committee of lesser stars banding together to handle the offence. Last season's rookie of the year Mathew Barzal had 45 points at the all-star break to lead the team, while Anders Lee, Josh Bailey, Brock Nelson and Jordan Eberle follow. Lee leads the team with eight power play goals and Eberle, the former Oiler, has five. Thomas Griess and Robin Lehner, not



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exactly Marty Brodeur and Patrick Roy, have been stellar, splitting the goaltending chores and stopping shots at an average .925 clip.

"Every night we have a feeling that there's not much to worry about," Lee told Elliotte Friedman's 31 Thoughts. "We're poised on the bench. Calm. If you stick to the plan and play the right way, you're in a good spot. Getting production from different guys every night is a huge part of the morale. A lot of us believe in the guys in our room and who we have. The work we have done is validating that. It's different.

Things are different."

Can Trotz's magic continue? A playoff spot for the Islanders is almost assured, and Trotz does have a proven, and recent, playoff track record. The 'No Tavares, no chance' thoughts at the start of this season are looking a little silly right now.

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald: "CBS rejected a Super Bowl ad from a medical cannabis company. Sponsors of the ad threatened to sue, then lost track of what they were mad about, got the munchies and fell asleep listening to Pink Floyd."

• Cote again, on the leadup to the Super Bowl: "The NFL held a Salute To Service on Tuesday, billed as a 'military appreciation' event. Prohibited items included umbrellas, coolers and Colin Kaepernick."

• Norman Chad of the Washington Post, on his distaste for the New England football club: "The Patriots and their fans are so loathsome,

I wish we could Brexit New England."

• Chad again, on the Patriots' QB: "(Tom) Brady is so unbeatable, when he had acne as a teenager, he sued Clearasil — and won."

• Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle, about the Super Bowl ads: "Everyone watching the beer commercials will muse, 'How come this stuff doesn't make me young and beautiful and hip? I must not be drinking enough of it.'"

• Ostler again, reminiscing about the 1988 super Bowl halftime show: "The 1988 halftime show featured the Rockettes and Chubby Checker, a man with three career hits: 'The Twist,' 'Let's Twist Again,' and 'Let's Twist One Last Time, I Swear, for My Retirement Fund.'"

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson: "Nebraska football has landed a four-star cornerback out of Hawaii. I'm going to guess he doesn't watch the Weather

Channel."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "The NY Post reports Alec Baldwin and Ben Stiller were the centre of attention at MSG during a recent NBA game. What do they expect people to do, watch the Knicks?"

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "There's rumblings out of L.A. that the Lakers are itching to swing a three-city trade to land Pelicans big man Anthony Davis. In return, the Lakers would send Lonzo Ball to New Orleans, and LaVar Ball to Flin Flon."

• Perry again, under the 'just wondering' header: "Shouldn't an errant hike over the punter's head be known as a snapfu?"

• Another one from RJ Currie, after the NBA fined Pelicans star Anthony Davis \$50,000 because his agent made his trade request public: "Tsk. There's seven minutes salary he'll never get back."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

## Saskatchewan artist visits Shellbrook Public Library

By Dian Campbell

On display at the Library this Month is Scissor Cuts/Scherenschnitte, by artists Jessica Richter and Waltraude Stehwien.

The display is brought in through OSAC (Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils) and the Shellbrook Arts Council.

We were surprised and excited when artist Waltraude Stehwien (from Saskatoon) made an impromptu visit to the library to see her art displayed for the public. She brought along her daughters Anette and Barbara.

We had a lovely visit, talking about her art, what inspires her pictures. She talked about her life in Germany as a

child working in her father's marionette shop and her immigration to Canada.

Waltraude shared with us a view of her new book, "In Black and White: A Stroll Through Canadian Landscapes", which includes some of the art on display at the library.

Librarian Dian Campbell was pleased to purchase a copy to keep in the library's collection.

Waltraude commented "They have done a fine job of framing and displaying my art. I'm so pleased to be able to see it on display".

Scherenschnitte (scissor cuts) is an art form where silhouettes are cut from one piece of special black paper with scissors or knives with no 'hangers' — unattached pieces.

Scissor cutting has a long history in German folk art; immigrants brought Scherenschnitte to North America in the 17th Century.

Reflecting the Canadian artists in Scissor Cuts/Scherenschnitte, this collection of works ranges from traditional German Scherenschnitte, represented by Waltraude Stehwien, a German im-

migrant, to papercut evolved into sculpture by Jess Richter - second generation born in Canada.

The public is welcome to come to the library and view this wonderful display. It will be here until March 20.



Shellbrook Public Library librarian Dian Campbell (second from right), recently had the opportunity to speak about Scissor Cuts/Scherenschnitte art with Saskatchewan artist Waltraude Stehwien, and her daughters Anette and Barbara. The Scissor Cuts works of Stehwien, and fellow Saskatchewan artist Jessica Richter will be on display at the library until March 20.

### In Memoriams

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## OBITUARIES

*Margaret Pampu*

**PAMPU - Margaret**  
The family of Margaret Pampu are saddened to announce her passing on January 10, 2019 at the age of 89. She is survived by her five children, four grandchildren and six

great grandchildren.

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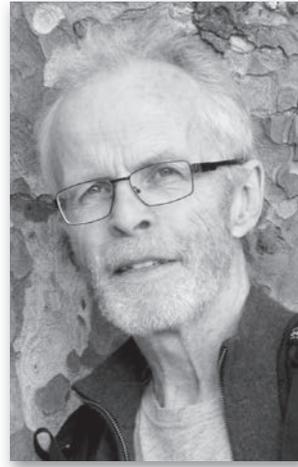
Judy Pampu, David "Sam" (Jocelyn) Pampu, (Mitchell), Angeline Pampu.

She is also survived by in-laws Angeline Willick and Francis (Art) Boryski, two half-sisters Elaine Dyck and Hilda Eldridge as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Margaret was predeceased by her

husband Frank, her mother Theresa and father Phillip Kemps and a baby sister in infancy. Her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Alex and Bronia Pampu and a brother-in-law Maurice Willick. Her stepmother Rosealma and half brother Fred.

A celebration of Margaret's life will be held on Tuesday, February 19 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Marcelin, SK. In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Margaret's name to St Anne's Home 2910 Louise St. Saskatoon, SK S7J 3L8.

*James "Jim" Mumm*

**MUMM - Mr. James "Jim"**  
1949 - 2019

Jim was born October 22nd, 1949 in Prince Albert. He passed away peacefully on February 8, 2019 after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's. Jim will be deeply missed and lovingly remem-

bered by his family: his wife, Maggie, and children, Lisa (Paul), Alex (Snow), and grandson, Nico; his siblings: Anne Maria (Ron), Lorna (Les), Susan, and Bobbi (Rob), his mother-in-law, Berniece, numerous nieces and nephews, and friends. Jim is predeceased by his parents, Ed and Doreen Mumm, his father-in-law, Bernie Christenson, and his brother-in-law Floyd Zubik. Jim spent his childhood on the family farm near Shellbrook. Jim farmed organically since 1976, and co-founded Mumm's Sprouting Seeds in 1982. Jim loved to cook, garden, travel, was an avid reader and life-long learner. Jim was a skilled farm mechanic and built his log home with his wife Mag-

gie. Jim will be remembered for his great sense of humour and his deep love for his wife, children, and grandson. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Parkside Heritage Centre at 2:00 pm on Sunday February 17th.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Jim to Parkinson Canada (4211 Yonge Street, Suite 316 Toronto, ON M2P 2A9).

Family and friends wishing to share online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com) Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Fred Pomrenk & Tammy Smart - Directors (Shellbrook 306-747-2828).

*Alan Williamson*

**WILLIAMSON - Mr. Alan**  
1923 - 2019

On Sunday, February 3, 2019, Alan Edward Williamson, late of Shellbrook passed away peacefully at the Wheatland Lodge Care Home at the age of 96. Alan was born on January 30, 1923 at the family home, a small cabin on a farm in the Loon Lake District, SK.

Later he moved half a mile west where his father, with the help of the family and friends, built a large two-storey house. Alan could remember his father taking part in family gatherings, he remembered going for rides on his father's shoulders, but sadly his father passed away when Alan was only five years old, and the family responsibilities fell on his mother and older siblings.

Alan and his family enjoyed their new home

where they shared many family experiences. All the children attended the local Loon Lake School, just about a half mile west of their place. Alan went through school, taking high school by correspondence, with the teacher marking and helping with the course. He graduated grade eleven in 1939 and took further education at the School of Agriculture in 1944 - 1946; and later the College of Commerce course in Local Administration and Accounting. He worked at several locations including La Ronge and across the prairies, but his main interest was the farm he bought in 1947. Alan was always interested in sports; he enjoyed hockey, baseball and softball, and met his future wife Ethel Reenie Nichols on baseball outings. Alan and Ethel married in 1950 and raised their own family of three in the following years.

In 1957, Alan took a job as village clerk in the Village of Loon Lake, but continued to farm for a few years. Later he sold the farm, but purchased a quarter section close to the village and built a sand greens golf course on it. This was a fairly popular spot in the summer as tourists came to the lake country, and both they and the local people enjoyed the

golf course. In 1963, Alan took a job with the Local Improvement Branch of Municipal Affairs in Saskatchewan, and clerked and administrated Local Improvement Districts on the southern prairies at Wood Mountain and East-end, Saskatchewan. When these L.I.D.'s formed into municipalities, his job was at an end, so he moved to Shellbrook as administrator of the Town and R.M. of Shellbrook. When he retired from this position, Alan stayed in Shellbrook and enjoyed his retirement years here. His favourite pastimes included golf, curling, reading, writing, and painting.

Alan is survived and remembered by his wife of 68 years, Ethel Williamson; his children, Lorraine Bashforth, Roger Williamson (Beth Siemens), Carey Williamson (Susan Tourigny); his grandchildren Kelly Bashforth and Leah (Bashforth) Iwanczuk, Sara and Jennifer Williamson, and Josie and Ella Williamson; his great-grandchildren Cooper and Declan Bashforth, and Daniel and Nathan Iwanczuk; his sister-in-law Ione Williamson and step-sister-in-law Carol Studer, as well as numerous extended family members and friends. Alan was predeceased by his parents, Ralph and Mary (nee:

Pleues) Williamson; his siblings, Ruth James, Ray Williamson, Lina Studer, Alice Robson, Gordon Williamson, Wannie Jane, George Williamson, Max Williamson, and step-brother Franklin Studer.

As per Alan's wishes,

there will be a private graveside service held at a later date. Those wishing to make a donation in memory of Alan may consider Wheatland Lodge Foundation (Box 130, Leask, SK SOJ 1M0). Family and friends wishing to

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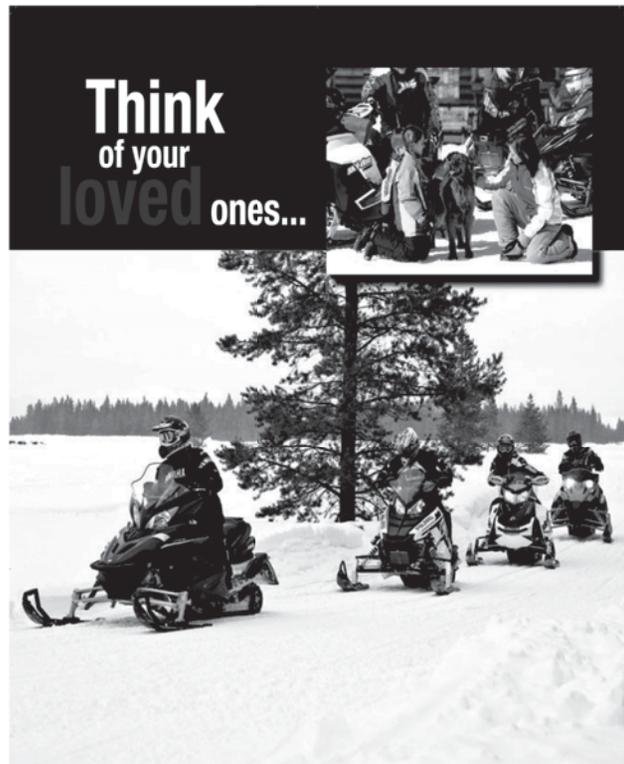
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# University of Saskatchewan fruit breeders receive award (Part II)

**By Sara Williams**  
Haskaps (Lonicera caerulea edulis) have gone through many incarnations: they've been called blue honeysuckle, sweetberry honeysuckle, and honeyberries. The earliest Canadian selections were made by George Bugnet, a French nov-

elist and early plant breeder who homesteaded west of Legal AB in 1905. Better known for his roses, Bugnet's honeysuckles were bred as ornamentals and not intended to be eaten.

Breeding at the University of Saskatchewan began soon after Rick Sawatzky came across

what were then called honeyberries in 1997 in an article by Jim Gilbert in a Minnesota fruit magazine, Berryland News. He planted two each of four honeyberry cultivars from a nursery in Oregon.

Rick was in the preliminary testing mode when Bob joined the Department and first tasted them in the summer of 2000 when he and Rick were giving afield tour to growers. It was June and they were a ripe. Both Bob and the growers became very excited (Bob has yet to calm down).

The following year crosses were made among the four varieties.

By 2003, over 30 Russian varieties had been obtained. In 2004, Bob heard a talk on haskaps by Dr. Maxine Thompson at a confer-

ence. That was a double whammy. Haskaps had him.

She generously gave him many seeds and cuttings of Japanese haskaps to use in his own breeding. Over the next decade, Bob made trips to Japan, Poland and across Canada gathering a huge collection of wild and cultivated haskaps.

Maxine Thompson called them haskaps: the phonetic spelling of the word used by the Ainu people who settled Hokkaido, Japan in the 13th century and the world's oldest name for this berry. Bob followed her nomenclature and haskaps they've become.

"We had the most diverse collection in the world. Once they were in the plots I selected what was worth crossing. There were so many to choose from and they ripened at different times."

Among the early and mid-season haskaps released in 2007 were 'Borealis', 'Tundra' and the Indigo Series ('Indigo Gem', 'Indigo Treat' and 'Indigo Yum'). 'Aurora' and 'Honey Bee' followed in 2011. Later ripening haskap releases were 'Boreal Beauty' and 'Boreal Blizzard' in 2014 and 'Boreal Beast' in 2016.

Bob wishes other breeding programs would replicate the University of Saskatchewan's style. "Many of them still operate in a traditional manner – they exclude the general public. We welcome the so-called "backyard gardene", hand out materials, and have an annual plant sale. Grassroots connections with the general public are crucial and should not be underestimated.

Haskap research was initially funded through Saskatchewan Agriculture grants years. Over the last five years 75% of the program funding has come from plant patent royal-



**'Boreal Beauty', ripens in late July with the berries holding on until early August and heavily producing plants. Plant it with 'Boreal Beast' for cross-pollination. Image credit: Bob Bors**

ties derived from their introductions as well as plant sales, workshop registration fees and cherry and haskap cookbook sales.

#### Parting Thoughts

Rick feels his greatest accomplishment was simply keeping the fruit program going during periods when few others in the Department were interested. He loved his work on fruit over the 47 years he was with the University and believes that good apples and great pears are only one generation away.

Bob's greatest accomplishment has been "the initiation and expansion of the haskap program to where the University of Saskatchewan has the world's best breeding program. Our haskaps are hardier, taste better, ripen later and stay on the bush longer and we were the first to use mechanical harvesters. We have given birth to a whole new industry." Along with cherries and haskaps, we have continued breeding work with a diverse collection of over a dozen far-north fruit crops our "Prairie Fruit Gene Bank".

Sara Williams is the author of many books including *Gardening Naturally* with Hugh Skinner, *Creating the Prairie Xeriscape*, and

with Bob Bors, *Growing Fruit in Northern Gardens*. She continues to give workshops on a wide range of gardening topics throughout the prairies.

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**Haskaps look somewhat like blueberries but are more elongated. Image credit: Bob Bors**

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